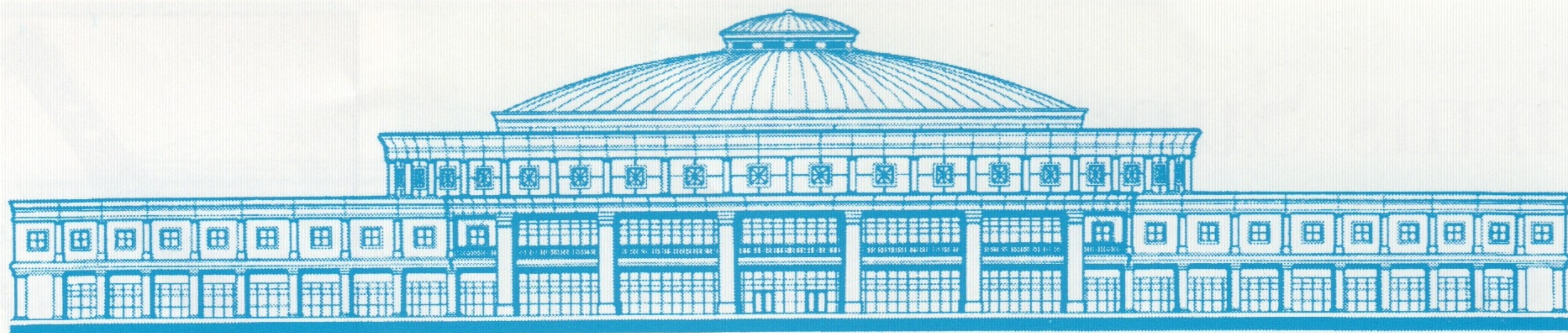




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Shelton President Tom Umphrey with Harrison Engineering CEO Rickey Harrison and Shelton Campaign Head Steve Shelton

Construction Progresses

Despite the wet weather, the site preparation has gone well and the construction of the new building is on schedule. The progress that is being made at the construction site is exciting.

"We are especially pleased that local companies are receiving many of the contracts for construction. Even the out-of-town companies who received the bids are hiring local people as sub-contractors. Over time, we believe this will impact our local economy and improve our employment rate," Shelton President Tom Umphrey said.

With the successful completion of the site preparation, construction of Shelton's new campus has entered a new phase. According to Billy Falls, project manager, all of the exterior walls are now up and the next phase will include the roof, interior walls, and the electrical and mechanical systems.

"We are letting the bids for the electrical and mechanical systems right now," said Falls. "We'll be starting to put the roof on next and that should be completed by the end of June."

College Personnel Back Capital Campaign

"My sons will be of college age in three and five years. I gave to Shelton's Capital Campaign because I want to make sure they get the best education that my money can provide."

-Brad Moore

As Shelton State's Capital Campaign officially gets off the ground, many of the college's employees already have made their contributions. To date the faculty and staff at the college have made pledges totaling over \$100,000. The goal of the fund-raising effort, "The Campaign for West Alabama's Future," is to raise \$1.2 million.

Curriculum specialist Brad Moore gave to the campaign in order to ensure a good education for his own children and because he believes our students deserve the best and most up-to-date education that the college can provide. "Three of the major challenges higher education in Alabama faces today are meeting the learning needs of an increasingly diverse student population while providing facilities and faculty for a growing student population-with less money," said Moore.

Rex Heacock works with industry daily through Shelton's Center for Advanced Productivity. "Contributing to the new campus through the Capital Campaign has given me an added sense of pride in the new complex. I know that, through

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Harrison Family Makes Major Gift to Shelton

When Harrison Engineering and the Rickey B. Harrison family made a pledge of \$50,000 to the college's Capital Campaign, the donation was a continuation of the family's long-time support for the college. Harrison serves as first vice president of the Shelton State Foundation and has been a member of the board of directors for the past three years.

According to college officials, Rickey Harrison has supported just about every activity that Shelton State has undertaken over the past few years.

"Rickey Harrison and his family are a vital part of the community and have been strong ad-

vocates of the college. His support of the college is long-standing and we appreciate this financial contribution," Shelton President Tom Umphrey said.

"I consider Shelton State to be an important part of the community, and I am happy to help the college in any way I can," said Harrison. "As an institution, Shelton State reaches people in West Alabama in many and varied ways."

Harrison Engineering Inc. is a Tuscaloosa-based, multi-disciplined civil engineering firm that employs 25 people and provides services to municipal governments, private entities, and community clients throughout West Alabama.

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Local Firms Support Shelton Campaign

Five local firms have made pledges totaling \$125,000 to Shelton's Capital Campaign. These pledges will be used to support the instructional needs of the college, according to college officials.

Local firms Bunn Construction Company, Tuscaloosa Testing Laboratories, Tanner and Guin PC, Way, Ray, Shelton and Company PC, and Boone Newspapers, Inc. made the gifts as part of the campaign's goal to raise \$1.2 million. As of June 1, approximately \$775,000 in pledges has been committed. The money will be used to purchase equipment and instructional materials for the new campus.

"The campaign slogan of 'New Time, New World, New Shelton' reflects the changing business and economic climate of West Alabama. Shelton State is preparing to meet the instructional and training needs of local citizens and businesses as Tuscaloosa County looks toward the next century," Umphrey said.

"Shelton State is poised to be a major player in the economic development of West Alabama. Our outstanding faculty has been recognized for years. Now, with our new campus and the purchase of new equipment that has been donated as part of the Capital Campaign, we will have one of the top two-year colleges in the country," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

According to the Bunn family, the company is happy to participate in the college's Capital Campaign. "Shelton makes a significant economic impact on West Alabama and provides unique training opportunities for the citizens of Tuscaloosa County. Many of our employees have attended Shelton State and we are proud of our partnership with Dr. Umphrey and this fine faculty," said Sonny Bunn.

Bob Tanner, a partner in the firm of Tanner & Guin, and the shareholders in the company and the other members of the firm, Jay F. Guin, Bruce P. Ely, Kim D. Ingram, Howard W. Neiswender, D.W. Wilson, and Bert M. Guy, are happy to have an opportunity to show their financial and other support for Shelton State through their pledge to the college's Capital Campaign.

"Many of our employees and their families have and are attending Shelton State Community College. We consider Shelton to be a

valuable resource for Tuscaloosa. The services the college provides our area make it a more desirable place to live and work. With the expansion of existing industries and the location of many new industries in our community, there is an increasing demand for a larger and better trained work force," Tanner said.

"We are pleased to be a part of this campaign and hope that other businesses and individuals in our community will join with us and Shelton State in this exciting endeavor. Working together, we can help Shelton State move into a modern state-of-the-art facility with the resources they will need to provide the type of educational services that we, as a community, should expect of them," Tanner said.

Campaign chair Steve Shelton, a partner in Way, Ray, and Shelton, is convinced that Shelton provides a tremendous value to the community. "Shelton is a vital part of our total education package in West Alabama. Because Shelton is important, we, as a community, should demonstrate our support by helping them build a first-class facility," Shelton said.

According to Jim Boone, president of Boone Newspapers, Inc., job opportunities in the future will require more education, much of it specialized. "Shelton State has a long history of responding to community needs. Now is the time for West Alabama to help Shelton State pay for the facilities the college needs in order to serve this area," he said.

"We have the resources to meet Shelton State's needs, and I believe that we will. But it is going to require that we all give generously. Doing so provides our people with educational opportunities, vital to their future," Boone said.

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Steve Shelton



And the Walls Went Up

Standing in the midst of a drizzling rain, about 40 members of the administrative staff, along with some friends of the college, watched in the early morning of April 23 as the first panel on Shelton State's new campus was lifted slowly into place.

This construction method, which is called "tilt-up," allows the walls to be built on the ground and then raised and put into place by a large crane. Each panel is 15 feet in width, two-stories in height and weighs approximately 40 tons. (See sidebar on Tilt-Up Construction.)

This first panel was dedicated to the memory of H.I. James, the first president of Shelton State Technical College, and in honor of former State Board of Education member Victor Poole, and current board members, Sandra Ray and Ethel Hall. Mrs. James accepted the honor for her husband.

"Over the years, there has been a great deal of planning and effort for this new campus. Now it's nice to see it all coming true. When completed, Shelton will have a first-class campus and I'm happy to have been a part of it," said Ray.

"Tilt-Up"

As Shelton undertakes one of the largest construction projects in the state, second only to the Mercedes-Benz site, an innovative construction method known as "tilt-up" is being utilized.

The tilt-up method of construction is popular around the country because it enables owners to construct buildings at a reasonable cost and in a very efficient time frame. This type of construction is now being introduced to large projects in Alabama.

According to John Fischer, Vice President of David Volkert & Associates, Inc., of Mobile, Alabama, and Architectural Principal In Charge for the project, the tilt-up walls are "one of the most exciting things" about the project. Nearly 100 of these 23-ton panels are now in place, approximately half the number which will be erected.

"From the information available, Shelton State is the first college to use 'tilt-up' construction for a totally new campus, and only the second educational institution to use the procedure in the country," Fischer said.

"We've made some innovations by applying decorative pre-cast pieces, brick veneer and granite finishes to the tilt-up in order to impart classical and traditional architectural details to the exterior facade of the building. We looked at some of the classic, old buildings in Tuscaloosa and then worked to impart some of these details and characteristics to this new building," Fischer said.

EBSCO Industries Pledges \$50,000 to Capital Campaign

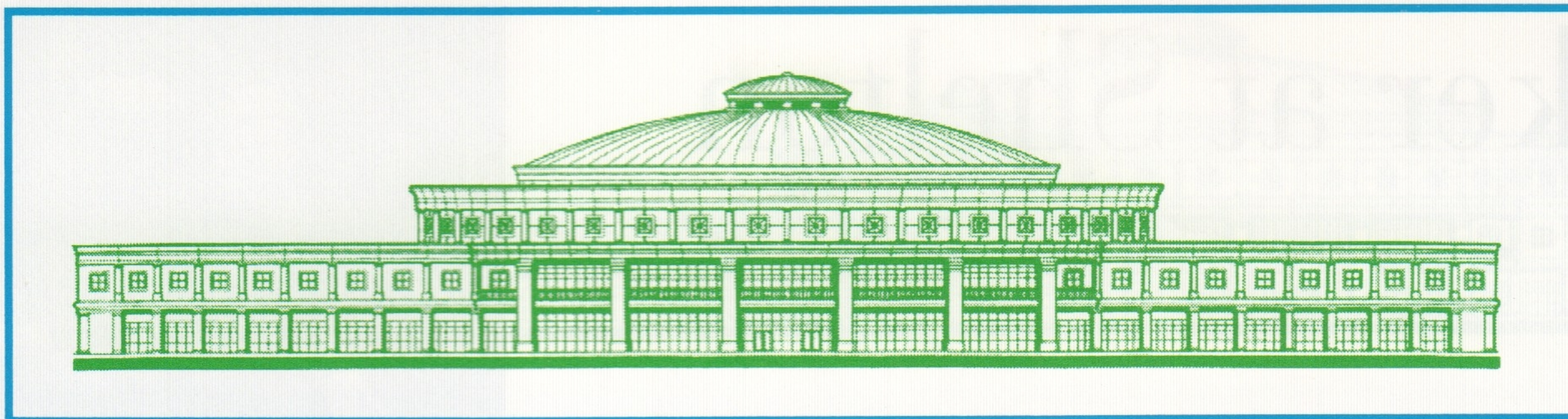
EBSCO Industries has pledged \$50,000 to Shelton's Campaign, according to Shelton President Tom Umphrey. The EBSCO gift will be used to benefit the library services division of the college.

"Elton B. Stephens founded EBSCO when I was only 16 years old, and I worked for him as a mail boy in Birmingham," Umphrey said. "I have always held Stephens in high esteem. Over the years, EBSCO has done a great deal for education. The state of Alabama owes EBSCO and Mr. Stephens a great deal."

EBSCO industries, a diversified international corporation headquartered in Birmingham, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The company currently employs over 2600 people worldwide. EBSCO offers subscription services for libraries and reception room reading services. The company also has diversified interests in real estate development, manufacturing, educational materials, and the design of point of purchase merchandising.



EBSCO's gift will be used to support Shelton's Library



The main face of the New Shelton. Individuals will have the opportunity to name parts of the campus.

Shelton Offers Naming Opportunities on New Campus

Shelton is offering the people of this area a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as part of the college's Capital Campaign. A number of unique naming opportunities are now available. These naming opportunities, which include a theater, gymnasium, entrance gate, and even a lake, make wonderful memorials to family members.

THEATER

The theater is a 20,000 square-foot facility with a seating capacity of over 1,000 people. The theater can be used by local and state artists for plays, musicals and special programs.

GYMNASIUM

The gym is a 21,800 square-foot facility that will host athletic and other special programs for the college and the community. The specifications for the new gym will be sufficient to allow the college to host state and regional tournaments in basketball and volleyball.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The library will serve more than 10,000 students and community residents annually.

DINING HALL

The dining area of the college will serve employees and students of the college daily and will seat up to 600 people for special events.

LABORATORIES

College laboratories scheduled to be built include ones for the sciences, math, reading, writing, computer science and nursing programs.

CLASSROOMS

Classrooms at the college range from a seating capacity of 35 to 200 students. Many of the classrooms will be equipped with the latest audio and video instructional technology.

CONFERENCE ROOMS

Four conference rooms will be built on the new campus in order to meet the needs of college

personnel, student organizations and community residents.

TREES AND GARDENS

For those individuals who would like trees or gardens planted on the new campus, there will be naming and memorial opportunities available.

BOOKSTORE

The college bookstore will be a retail outlet serving over 10,000 students and 700 employees annually.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

Baseball, softball, and soccer fields will be available along with tennis courts in order for the college to host athletic events year-round. The area will also have concessions, lights, and scoreboards.

ENTRANCE/GATE

Shelton will have a gateway at the entrance on Old Highway 69. This will be the first visual contact as someone enters the college campus.

PARK NEAR LAKE

A scenic four-acre lake will have a nature trail and park that can be used by employees, students and community residents.

LAKE

A four-acre lake will be the center point of outdoor activity for college personnel and students. Events will be scheduled year-round on the lake shore which will have a gazebo and picnic tables.

POND

This area will be the highly visible as the centerpiece of the outdoor student commons.



For additional information concerning college naming opportunities, contact Rick Rogers at 391-2472.

Umphrey Receives Statewide Honor

Shelton President Tom Umphrey was named the recipient of the 1995 Distinguished Leadership Award for Two-Year Colleges. The award is given annually by the Association of Alabama College Administrators and the Alabama Association for Women in Education.

Among Umphrey's accomplishments are the successful merger of Shelton and C.A. Fredd State Technical College, and beginning construction on Shelton's new campus.



Tom Umphrey

During 1994, Umphrey led the college in making a commitment to the principles of quality management. Under his leadership, Shelton also received

an unconditional reaffirmation of its accreditation status and approval of the merger by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 1992 Shelton became the first two-year college in the state to move from the quarter to the semester system, enabling the college to better serve its student body. Today Shelton is one of the largest two-year colleges in the state with an enrollment of between 6,500-7,000 students.

Umphrey received a B. S. degree in chemistry and math from the University of Alabama, master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and Ed.D. in administration of higher education from the University of Alabama.

Shelton Personnel

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my own contribution. I am playing a personal part in the development of the new campus," Heacock said.

For Sam Merriweather, a gift to the Capital Campaign offered him the opportunity to do something for the students. Merriweather, who coordinates the Career Center at Shelton State, felt it was important for him to give to the campaign because he sees education as a means of providing students with an upward mobility. "We, at Shelton State, want to provide the best we can for our students. My gift can help us provide the best educational services we can at the college," Merriweather said.

Shelton Faculty Member Receives National Award



Brenda Ryan

Brenda Ryan, a member of the faculty at Shelton State Community College, recently received the Giles Distinguished Advisor Award for service to the college and to Phi Theta Kappa, national community college honorary.

Twenty-five advisors from Phi Theta Kappa chapters across the United States are selected each year to receive this prestigious award from over 2,000 nominations. Ryan has served as an advisor to Shelton State's PTK chapter for 11 years and has been involved with the organization at the regional and international level.

She and her husband, Judge William A. Ryan, live in Moundville. The Ryans have three children and are active members of Moundville Methodist Church.

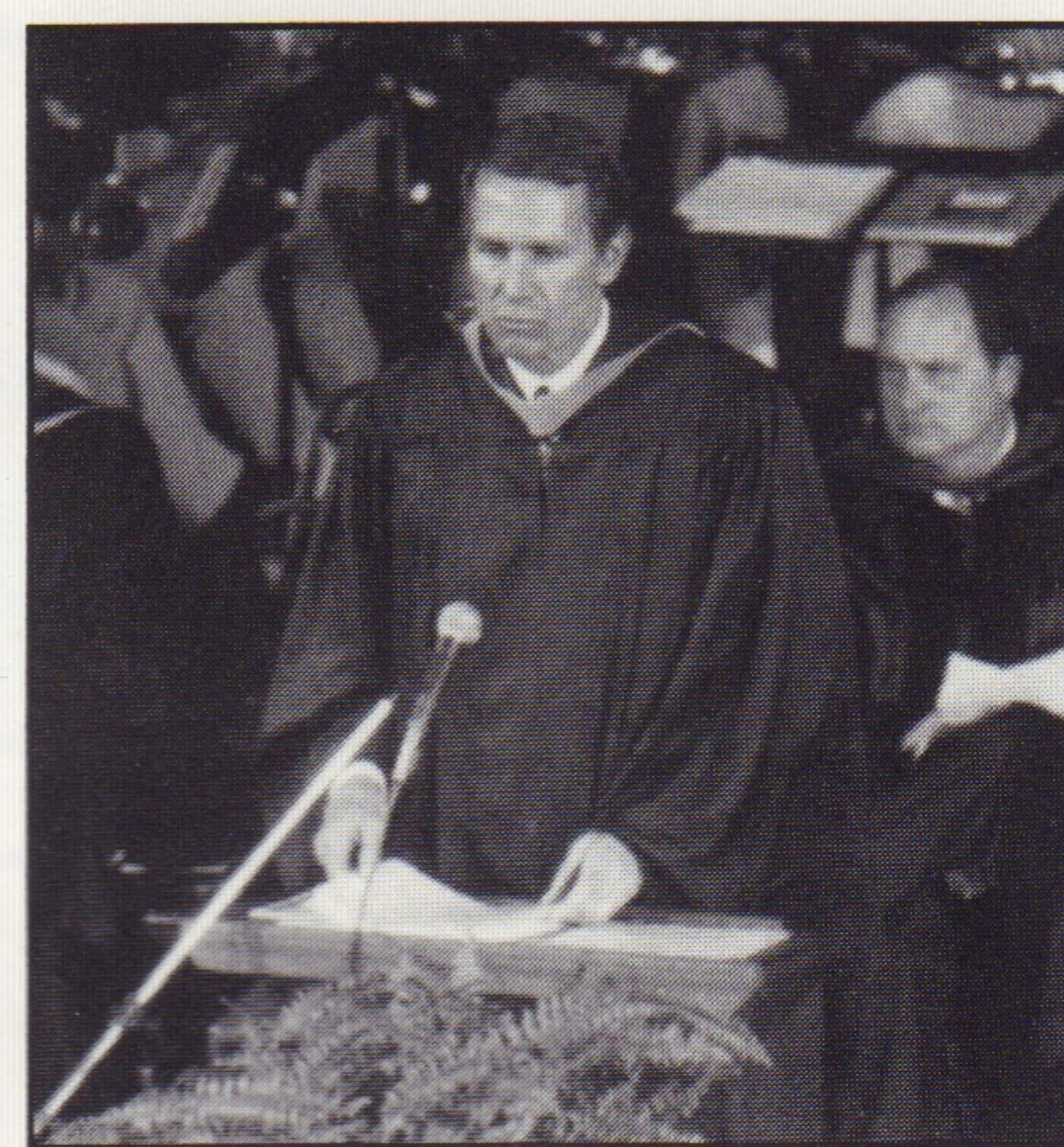
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Parker Speaker at Shelton Graduation

State Representative Tim Parker was the speaker for Shelton State's 1995 graduation exercises that were held at the Bama Theater this year. Over 500 graduates received diplomas from the college. Parker is president of Parker Towing company and is on the board of directors for AmSouth Bank of Tuscaloosa and is a past chair of the Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority and past president of the United Way and the YMCA of Tuscaloosa.



State Representative Tim Parker speaks at the Bama Theater

Grimes Receives Top Award From Girl Scouts

Deborah Grimes, director of library services for the college, received the Career Accomplishments Award from the Tombigbee Girl Scout Council this spring as part of the annual Women Committed to Excellence Awards. Grimes received the honor during the annual luncheon sponsored by the Girl Scouts.



Library Services Director Deborah Grimes with Girl Scouts' Career Accomplishment Award

Grimes, who was nominated by the Kiwanis Club, serves as records management officer for the college and co-chairs the Information Technology Committee.

Shelton Student Receives Top Honors from National Newspaper

When Jackie Fazeli arrived at Shelton State several years ago, she was at one of the lowest points in her life. As a single mother with three small children, she was unsure what she wanted to do. This spring Fazeli was named to the 1995 USA TODAY All USA Academic team, the only Alabamian to receive the honor. During Shelton's Honors Night, Fazeli was named this year's recipient of the Leo Sumner Award, the highest honor conferred by Shelton State. Fazeli, who has been a student in Shelton's Associate Degree Nursing program, plans to continue her education in nursing.



Jackie Fazeli

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